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December 2, 1971

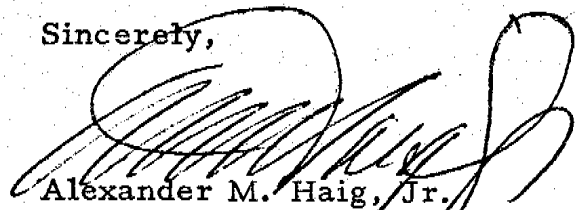
Dear Dick:

We are determined that the past mishandling of the logistics for the President's most trusted interpreter will not be repeated. I have been assured there is a place for you on Air Force One for the President's trip to the Azores. Unfortunately, the dress for several of the social events has not been determined and I have been advised that you should have clothing for both black tie and white tie options for either civilian or military uniform. I realize this is little help to you. For the dinner in honor of President Medici of Brazil, however, it has been decided that civilian white tie would be most appropriate.

Enclosed is a copy of Henry's November 30 press conference transcript which you should hand over to your friend at the December 3 luncheon.

Also enclosed is a note, in response to their November 30 message, which you should hand over as well if you receive a confirming phone call.

Sincerely,



Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

Enclosures

(By Courier)

Major General Vernon A. Walters
Defense Attache
U. S. Embassy
Paris, France

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The Chinese side has asked for a formal reply as to whether the U.S. side would agree to the leasing of the ground satellite terminal and television production and transmission equipment. The U.S. side foresees no problem in establishing leasing arrangements that are satisfactory to the People's Republic of China and the advance party in January will be prepared to discuss various leasing options with representatives of the People's Republic of China.

With respect to the housing of the television production and transmission center there appear to be two feasible options:

- Installing the equipment in a 747 aircraft.
- Installing the equipment in special facilities constructed by the People's Republic of China.

The U.S. side prefers the 747 option believing it would provide a more compact installation, facilitate advance testing, lessen the time that technical personnel would need to be in the People's Republic of China and reduce the number of flights necessary to bring equipment into the PRC. The 747 aircraft may also be leased for the period that it is in China if that is the wish of the Chinese side. If the Chinese side agrees to the 747 option the U.S. side will provide all the necessary additional information during the January advance trip. However, if the Chinese side prefers to construct buildings to house the equipment this will present no problem to the U.S. side and detailed specifications related to construction would be provided in the near future.

DELIVER OPEN ¹¹³ OF BUSINESS

EYES ONLY - ONE TIME PAD

December 2, 1971 (night)

TO: GENERAL WALTERS

FROM: GENERAL HAIG

Please deliver the following note to the other side during your lunch on Friday. This substitutes for the note which the courier is bringing.

EYES ONLY

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As the Chinese side may recall, Dr. Kissinger and Prime Minister Chou En-lai discussed two possible arrangements for housing the television production and transmission center. One was for the People's Republic of China to construct buildings in which equipment provided by the U.S. side would be installed. Another was to use a 747 aircraft configured to accommodate the equipment.

If the PRC prefers the first arrangement, detailed specifications related to construction would be provided as soon as possible and the advance party in January would be prepared to discuss various leasing options. As explained in October, this arrangement would involve bringing the technical personnel associated with the center to China some four weeks prior to the President's arrival.

If the 747 is preferred, the equipment will be self-contained and the aircraft and the technical personnel will not arrive until seven days before the President's trip. A leasing arrangement that is satisfactory to the PRC for the 747 aircraft and its equipment can also be worked out at the time of the January advance.

SECRET

DELIVER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS

TO: GENERAL WALTERS

FROM: GENERAL HAIG

Please deliver the following note to your host at Friday's luncheon.

SECRET

*Dispatched in code to
Gen. Walters, Dec. 1, 1971
for him to deliver at
the Dec. 3 meeting.*

During discussions with Dr. Kissinger in Peking, Prime Minister Chou En-lai indicated that the People's Republic of China was considering exercising clemency for the two non-military U.S. citizens who have admitted illegal acts against the People's Republic of China. If the People's Republic of China intends to proceed along this course, the Government of the United States would consider it an extraordinary courtesy if the People's Republic of China would provide a few days advance notice so that it would be better prepared to respond to possible public inquiries.